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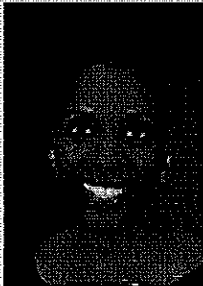
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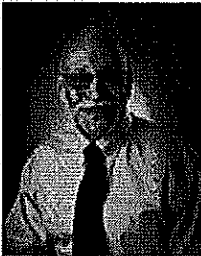
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Register Now for Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems
and Population Health

**Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health
Systems and Population Health:
Registration Opens, New Speakers
Announced**

Nov. 29- Dec. 1, 2017

The Westin Michigan Ave., Chicago

The Forum will bring together organizations and key stakeholders dedicated to improving the health of all Americans. The goal of the meeting is to engage attendees in a broad dialogue across sectors to solve complex issues to improve the health of communities and integrate clinical and community health and prevention strategies. Read more below, or visit the Midwest Forum [website here](#).

Registration* for the Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health: Partnerships to Build a Culture of Health is now open!

[Register Here!](#)

Early Bird - \$400 (July 2017 - August 31, 2017)

Regular - \$450 (August 15, 2017 - November 22, 2017)

Onsite - \$500 (November 29, 2017 - December 1, 2017)

Pre-Conference Workshop - \$80

Explore the Midwest Forum schedule, featured speakers, hotel information, call for abstracts, pre-conference sessions, registration, and more on the updated Midwest Forum webpage!

*If you pre-registered, please use the registration link above to complete your registration.

New Speakers Confirmed!

Midwest Forum speakers now include:

- **John Auerbach**, President and CEO, Trust for America's Health
- **Mona Hanna-Attisha**, MD, Director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative & Pediatric Residency Program at Hurley Children's Hospital at Hurley Medical Center at Michigan State University
- **John R. Lumpkin**, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President-Program at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- **Jan Ruma**, Vice President, Healthcare Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO); Executive Director, Toledo/Lucas County CareNet; Director, Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB
- **Lisa Simpson**, MB, BCh, M.P.H., FAAP, President and Chief Executive Officer, AcademyHealth
- **Will Snyder**, System Vice President of External Affairs, Presence Health
- **Kimberlydawn Widsom**, MD, MS, Senior Vice President of Community Health & Equity, Chief Wellness & Diversity Officer, Henry Ford Health System; Michigan's First Surgeon General
- **Steven Woolf**, MD, MPH, Professor, Director, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center on Society and Health

Submit an Abstract by August 11th!

The Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health is seeking abstracts from stakeholders in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to highlight successes and lessons learned related to the forum topics. Abstracts are due by 11:59pm CT on Friday, August 11, 2017. Abstracts can be submitted to MWFabstracts@iphionline.org.

[View the call for abstracts.](#)

About the Midwest Forum

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- The policy environment for population health and health system transformation
- Using data for care coordination and population health
- Aligning financial incentives and payment for population health
- The role of purchasers and payers in population health
- Integrating physical and behavioral health
- Developing clinical/community linkages
- Connecting health with community development
- How to engage consumers and patients in population health
- Collaborating on and leveraging community health needs assessment and planning

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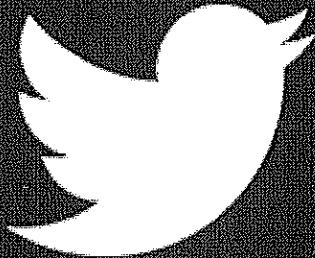
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**OMH WILL PARTICIPATE IN TWO MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CHATS
YOU CAN JOIN BY FOLLOWING @MINORITYHEALTH**



HRSA's Behavioral Health
Thurs, July 20, 3-4pm ET
Host: @NHSCorps
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Minority Mental Health Disparities
Tues, July 25, 1-2pm ET
Host: @SaludToday
#SaludTues



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Funding

OMH Grants

- HHS/Office of Minority Health (OMH): Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative (ECI). This initiative seeks to reduce significant health disparities impacting racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence based strategies with the greatest potential for impact. The program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; childhood/adolescent obesity; and serious mental illness. Deadline is August 1, 2017, 5:00 pm ET. [Learn more](#) | View a recording of the [Technical Assistance webinar](#).

OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017 | Technical Assistance webinar, July 25, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Federal Grants

- HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Health Center Program's Service Area Competition. Supports public and private nonprofit, community-based and patient-directed organizations that provide primary health care services to the medically underserved. Deadlines are [August 21, 2017](#) and [September 11, 2017](#).

Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

- American Public Health Association (APHA): 2018 Public Health Fellowship in Government. APHA is looking for candidates with strong public health credentials and an interest in serving as a staff person in the US Congress. The fellowship is based in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 14, 2017. [Learn more](#).

- University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center/Oklahoma Shared Clinical and Translational Resources: Translating Practice into Research (TPIR) Trainee Program. The goal of TPIR is to produce clinicians and scientists who have the ability to translate their clinical observations and ideas for improving practice into practical and feasible research projects. Deadline is August 28, 2017. [Learn more.](#)



Grant Reviewers Wanted

- HHS/OMH is looking for Subject Matter Experts to serve as reviewers of applications submitted to its ECI competitive grant program. The ECI is intended to provide support for minority and/or disadvantaged communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic, childhood/adolescent obesity, or serious mental illness. If you are a professional with a well-documented history as a subject matter expert in the area(s) of opioid abuse; childhood/adolescent obesity; or serious mental illness, please register to become a grant reviewer and submit your CV by visiting the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) [Reviewer Recruitment Module](#).

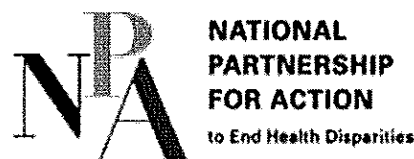
OMHRC at Local Conferences

- OMHRC will be at the [National Dental Association's 104th Annual Convention, July 20-23](#) in Dallas, TX. Come visit us at our booth!

American Indian/Alaska Native Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) Native American Cultural Competency webinar series. *Cultural Needs Assessment for Health Providers Working with Tribal Communities*. This webinar is part of an ongoing training series on the history of tribes and treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services standards ([National CLAS Standards](#)) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal communities, and the impact of cultural needs assessments. July 31, 2017, 11:00 am MT. [Register](#).



Black and African American Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing: Webinar. *Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States*. Join Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Assistant Professor of Community-Public Health Nursing at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, for a discussion of current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the US, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants. August 11, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- AEIMforward Tech Services and partner organizations: Call for abstracts for the 5th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH), *Advancing the Health of African Immigrants through Research, Advocacy and Community Engagement*. Event to be held in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 15, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Maternal & Child Health

Events

- National Institute for Children's Health Quality: Webinar series. *Expert Series on Addressing Infant Mortality*. This [six-part webinar series](#) is an opportunity for public health professionals to hear experts and influencers in the maternal and child health field share examples and best practices for supporting efforts to reduce infant mortality and improve maternal and infant health. The first webinar, *The Residual Impact of Historical Structural Inequities: Connecting Residential Segregation and Mortgage Discrimination to Current Infant Mortality and Breastfeeding Rates*, will be held July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Mental Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, NPA: Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) Cultural Competency Resource Guide Spotlight webinar series. *Achieving Behavioral Health Equity in Criminal Justice System Reform Using a Cultural Competency Lens*. This webinar will discuss the over-representation of individuals with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system; the myriad economic, social, and cultural factors contributing to this reality; and program, practice and policy strategies that may prevent criminal justice involvement and strengthen community-based treatment and care. July 25, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- Pinellas County Urban League and the USFSP Infant Family Center: Minority Mental Health Awareness forum. *The Well: Sources of Health & Healing in Our Village*. Join Dr. Marva L.

Lewis, PhD, Founder & Director of the Center for Natural Connections and Associate Professor at Tulane University School of Social Work in New Orleans, for a dynamic panel discussion that will highlight the perspectives of: clergy, physicians, clinicians, community members, policy makers/politicians, and funders regarding high quality, culturally responsive mental health services. **July 26, 2017**, 9:00 am ET at St Petersburg College in St Petersburg, FL. [Register](#) | **July 28, 2017**, 9:00 am ET at the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg, FL. [Register](#).

Opportunities for Public Comments

- US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF): Call for comments on the Draft Research Plan for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnant Women: Screening. Deadline is August 9, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP): Call for written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. Deadline is September 29, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Social Determinants of Health

Events

- Good Shepherd Mediation Program: Conflict resolution workshop. *Children of Incarcerated and Returning Parents* (CHIRP). This program offers youth with a parent who is incarcerated or returning from prison an opportunity to deepen their emotional awareness and their ability to manage conflict more effectively. Separate workshops will be arranged for children ages 9-12 and 13-17. The next workshop will be held July 24-26, 2017, 9:00 am ET in Philadelphia, PA. [Learn more](#).

Resources

- HHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): New bilingual resource/Nuevo recurso bilingüe. *Motor Vehicle Safety/Seguridad vial*. This online resource offers information in English and Spanish on several motor vehicle safety topics such as seat belts, adolescent and elderly drivers, driving under the influence, distracted driving, and others. [English](#) | [Español](#).

Workforce Development

Events

- US Federal Trade Commission (FTC): Roundtable workshop. *Streamlining Licensing Across State Lines: Initiatives to Enhance Occupational License Portability*. License

portability restrictions often prevent otherwise qualified people from making their services available across state lines or when they move to a new state. This public event will support the Task Force's consideration of how occupational licensing reform could reduce barriers to entry, enhance competition, and promote economic opportunity. July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm ET in Washington, DC. [Learn more](#).

- HHS/HRSA, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH): Registration now open for the *2017 HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Virtual Conference*. This free conference aims to showcase innovative academic and training approaches used by behavioral health grantees to expand the distribution of a skilled workforce focused on underserved populations and communities in need. September 13, 2017, 11:00 am ET. [Register](#).

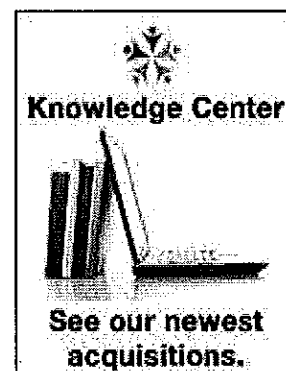
Job Opportunities

OMHRC

- AMTIS is recruiting for a FT Communications Manager position within the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in Landover, MD. Open until filled. [Apply](#).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In support of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting *The Massachusetts General Hospital Textbook on Diversity and Cultural Sensitivity in Mental Health*, edited by Ranna Parekh. This publication is a vital resource for health professionals working with minority and under-represented populations. It includes extensive information on cultural diversity training for health care providers, and provides clinical interviewing techniques and effective strategies for working with a diverse patient base.
- To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).



Resources

- HHS/Administration for Community Living (ACL), with funding from the Office on Women's Health (OWH): New database. *Oral Health Website*. ACL has compiled nearly 200 community-based oral health programs and an [Oral Health Guide](#) to promote low-cost,

community-based oral health programs for older adults. Use these resources to start or enhance an oral health program in your community. [Learn more.](#)

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In observance of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting *Mental Disorders and Disabilities Among Low-Income Children*, a publication of the National Academies Press. This report compares national trends for the number of children with mental health and behavior disorders with the trends in the number of children receiving benefits from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This comparison describes possible factors that may contribute to any differences between the two groups. In addition, an overview of the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders, the influence of racial and socioeconomic factors, and levels of impairment in the U.S. population under age 18 are included for further analysis. The full text book is available to read online.
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Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community

Each year the Latino Affairs Commission compiles reports on topics relating to Ohio's Hispanic community. Our reports are designed to educate and facilitate discussion on particular matters relating to the Latino community.

We are pleased to present you with our most recent Latino Community Report, which investigates the barriers and opportunities related to health care access for Latinos in Ohio. A critique on

mental health service accessibility is provided, as well as opportunities to increase impact.

Please [click here](#) to view the Latino Community Report. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please [email us](#). We hope to see you at the annual Latino Health Summit this Friday!



An Overview of Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community



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LPCA Annual Conference - Call for Speaker Abstracts

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OCTOBER 10-13, 2017 | LAKE CHARLES, LA

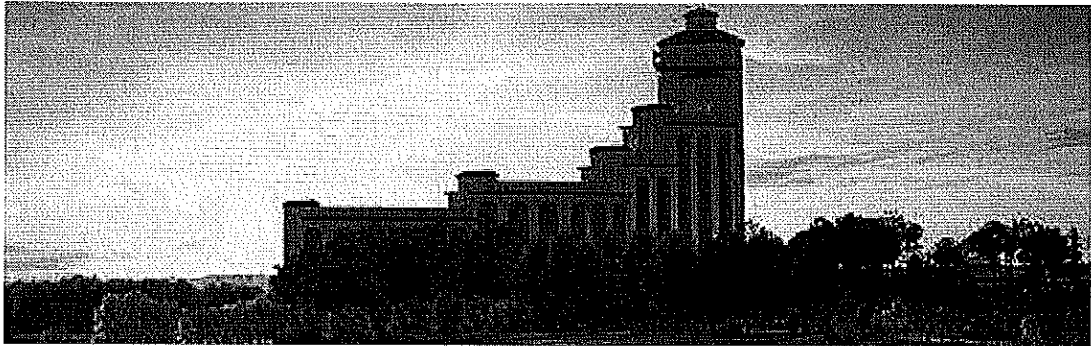
The Louisiana Primary Care Association is currently accepting speaker abstract proposals for our 2017 Annual Conference!

When: October 10-13, 2017

Where: L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, LA

This annual event gathers health center clinicians, administrators, CEOs, board members, and partners from across the healthcare spectrum to discuss issues relevant to community health centers and the patients they serve.

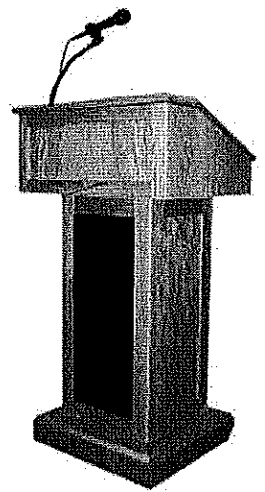
Our theme is "FQHCs: Models of Excellence in Health Care." We will also be celebrating 35 years of serving Louisiana's Community Health Centers! This year's conference will be **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than ever!



[Click here to submit a speaker abstract!](#)

Presentations should reflect a current health care model that aligns with the following categories:

- Medical, Dental or Behavioral Health
- Quality, Transformation, and Risk Management
- Administrative Policies and Practices
- Outreach and Enrollment
- Human Resources
- Finance and Billing
- Legislative and Policy
- Customer Service
- Marketing and Public Relations



We encourage you to view suggested conference topics.

Please submit proposals in areas/topics for which you are passionate and have demonstrated expertise that align with this year's theme. Proposed topics must be as specific as possible. Each submission should concentrate on a single topic for presentation.

Multiple submissions from the same applicant are allowed. A concurrent session is 60 minutes in length (50-minute lecture and 10-minute question & answer session). Presenters will receive complimentary registration, lodging and meals.

All abstracts must be received by Friday, July 14, 2017 to be considered for inclusion in the 2017 agenda. Speakers will be notified of their acceptance by Friday, July 28, 2017.

Questions may be referred to LPCA Director of Clinical Quality, Shannon Robertson at srobertson@lpca.net or www.lpca.net for more information.



Funding Opportunity Announcement

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program – Tier 1 (Jurisdictions) **(HRSA-18-061)**

01/18/2017 12:00 AM EST

Apply By: Tue, 5 Sep 2017

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program – Tier 2 (States and DC) **(HRSA-18-062)**

01/18/2017 12:00 AM EST

Apply By: Tue, 5 Sep 2017

Service Area Competition (HRSA-18-021)

06/15/2016 12:00 AM EDT

Apply By: Mon, 21 Aug 2017

Service Area Competition (HRSA-18-023)

06/15/2016 12:00 AM EDT

Apply By: Mon, 11 Sep 2017

BUCKEYE HEALTH PLAN TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TENT AT 2017 OHIO STATE FAIR

Buckeye Health Plan is proud to once again sponsor our Community Partners Tent at the 2017 Ohio State Fair in Columbus! Please plan to stop by and say hello!

Each day of the state fair, the tent will give 4 different respected partner agencies (a total of 48 organizations over the 12 days of the fair) a chance to showcase and exhibit their unique and vital community services to thousands of fair visitors – compliments of **Buckeye Health Plan**.

This year's lineup has been organized to correspond with the Fair's pre-selected theme days. The 2017 Ohio State Fair begins on Wednesday, July 26th and ends on Sunday, August 6th.

Listed below is the schedule for the Community Partners Tent, which is located just south of the Taste of Ohio Pavilion (the round building) near the midway at the Fairgrounds.

See everyone at the fair!



Ohio State Fair – Community Partners Tent

Schedule of Organizations Attending

Wednesday, July 26th

Charitable Services Day

- March of Dimes, Kevin Dooley, Columbus
- National Kidney Foundation, Antoinette Greene, Columbus
- American Cancer Society, Leigh Anne Hehr, Dublin
- Ohio Breast & Cervical Cancer Project, Sue Jacks, Newark

Thursday, July 27th

Services for Families Day

- Salvation Army of Columbus, Kristin Harmon, Columbus
- American Red Cross of Central Ohio, Iris Martinez Juergens, Columbus
- Ohio United Way, Timothy Roe, Columbus
- Greater Cincinnati Community Action Agency, Lamont Taylor, Cincinnati

Friday, July 28th

Community Action Day

- Impact Community Action Agency of Franklin County, Carmen Allen, Columbus
- Bridge Community Action Agency of Delaware, Madison, Shelby & Union Counties, Shelley Harmon and Lynda Lukey
- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Dontavius Jarrells, Columbus
- Family & Community Services/Valley Counseling of Trumbull Co., Anthonette Blake

Saturday, July 29th

Local Healthcare/Medical Clinics Day

- FACES at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Wynette Collins/Cory D'Ambrosio, Columbus
- BC4Teens at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Sarah Saxbe, Columbus
- Community Health Centers of Dayton, Shanise Wade, Dayton
- PrimaryOne Health, Yolanda Owens, Columbus
- Moms2B at OSU Wexner Medical Center, Carmen Clutter, Columbus

Sunday, July 30th

Buckeye Health Plan Day

- Buckeye Health Plan, Christopher Beers, 330-631-5965, cbeers@centene.com
- USMM/Visiting Physicians, Jennifer Slabinski and Kelly Stewart, Cincinnati
- Columbus Division of Fire, City of Columbus, Trina Cain and Jaime Sierra, Columbus
- City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, Greg Winbush, Columbus

Monday, July 31st

Services for Children Day

- National Youth Advocate Program, Ruby Gamble, Cleveland, and Lance Livi, Columbus
- Action for Children of Columbus, Sarah Pontious, Columbus
- Child Development Council of Franklin County, Anita Davis, Columbus
- Early Childhood Resource Network of Central Ohio/YMCA Head Start, Samantha Stewart and Chudney Williams, Columbus

Tuesday, August 1st

Services for Senior Citizens Day

- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Jane Acri and John Lamotte, Columbus
- Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services, Susan Marshall and Jamye Richards, Columbus
- Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter, Caitlin Purk, Columbus
- Access to Independence, Vince Pelose, Ravenna

Wednesday, August 2nd

Disability Services Day

- The Center for Disability Empowerment, Shari Veleba, Columbus
- The Mentor Network (Ohio Mentor), Jessica Schmieler, Cleveland
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), Tiffany Bailey, Dayton
- Community Assessment & Treatment Services, Robert Newman, Cleveland

Thursday, August 3rd

Minority Health Day

- Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Angela Dawson, Columbus
- Columbus Urban League, Tiffany Dailey, Columbus
- National Association of Social Workers, Gregory Stewart, Cincinnati
- Resolute Group, Certified Navigators, Marjorie Moseley, Dayton

Friday, August 4th

Community Services Day

- Volunteers of America, John Hill and Arica Morgan, Columbus
- Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services, LeeAnn Whaley, Columbus
- Buckeye Ranch, Tanithia Freeman, Columbus
- The Bair Foundation Child & Family Ministries, Adrienne Willis, Columbus

Saturday, August 5th

Drug/Alcohol Treatment Prevention Services Day

- Amethyst Inc., Valerie Coleman, Columbus
- ORCA House Inc., Rochena Crosby, Cleveland
- Northern Ohio Recovery Association, Cathy Davis, Cleveland
- Reeb Avenue Center, Ruth Bell, Columbus

Sunday, August 6th

Job/Employment Services-Economic Development Day

- Red Treehouse (Ronald McDonald House), Jeanine Carroll, Cleveland
- Dress for Success Columbus, Bridgett McKinnon, Columbus
- Pyramid Community Development Corp, Linda Nelson, Columbus
- USO of Central and Southern Ohio, Jackie Spector, Columbus

Ohio Department of Health Job Opportunities

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BARRIO LATINO ART FESTIVAL

Dear Friend,

The 6th Barrio Latino Art Festival celebrates diversity, innovation, and creative achievement--is being planned for Aug. 13, 2017 at 1205 Broadway St (corner of Broadway St and Western St), Toledo, OH 43609, from 12 Noon to 9:00 pm. Barrio Latino Arts Festival, will promote tourism, culture heritage, and the arts in a bold and innovative way. Our mission is to support artists, promote artistic expression, create funds for local charitable organizations, and bring visitors and neighbors together to share in the spirit of the arts in our community. Proceeds from this festival go towards supporting two area nonprofit organizations: (1) NUESTRA GENTE Community Projects, Inc., (2) THE PROVIDENCE CENTER. . We recognize the positive effect creative activity has on individuals: providing enjoyment, enlivening spaces, and enriching lives. The festival also makes a practical contribution in terms of sustainability, providing employment, encouraging learning, and inspiring people to adopt active lifestyles. The festival includes live music; folk dancing performances; artisans and crafters with handmade products such as scarves, blankets, cosmetics, and jewelry; a car show; and art kid's activities including a drawing table, face painting, recognition award to an artist, artwork on display, mural painting, crafts, car show, jalapeño contest, and many other special performances and forms of entertainment. Authentic Hispanic food prepared by cooks from the community is one of our biggest attractions. The festival is set in the heart of an urban neighborhood in South Toledo and attracts a very diverse crowd. And, of course, there are offerings for all age groups. The event will be held on the street in open areas with full access for people with disabilities and is easily accessible from public bus routes. We want to increase the attractiveness of the area to tourists, businesses, people and investments through the festival. People (tourists/visitors) spend money on attending the arts and on local businesses. Further, local spending by these arts venues and patronized businesses has indirect multiplier effects.

The Barrio Latino Art Festival brings people and organizations together to celebrate the diversity within the Hispanic heritage and culture. The program will balance community participation with excellence by offering events of both a local and international flavor. Admission is free.

This is a chance to give back to the community and give at-risk youth life-changing opportunities through the arts. Supporting us helps us show our kids another way of life.

We would be grateful if you could support our community Arts Festival. More than 900 volunteers and spectators were in attendance last year, and the event was covered by the local newspapers and television stations. We are anxiously looking forward to even greater success at this year's event and our teens are running much of the programming. If you support us, we will include you in all marketing materials, to our website and plan on recognizing your organization at our event.

Below are the details concerning this year's sponsorship levels:

Elite Sponsorship options:



\$1,500 PLATINUM Full page (5 x 7 ½) ad on the front inside page of program book, logo on the poster, sponsor name promoted during the festival, on posters, La Prensa newspaper, information booth space;



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\$950 -- 2 ½ x 3 ¾ quarter page ad;



\$100 - 2 ½ x 1 ¼ business card;



\$80 for 2-4 lines in the festival program book.

If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please contact me or simply make check payable to: **Barrio Latino Arts Festival** and mail your payment to: **P.O. Box 140661, Toledo, Ohio 43614**. Deadline for sponsorship/ads is July 28, 2017.

Your contributions to this event are tax deductible as allowed by State and Federal laws.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Gracias!

Linda Parra
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This posting period begins July 12, 2017. Please note that the deadline for submission of applications may vary by position.

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3	HCFS-RN Southwest ((Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), RN Southwest	Columbus	RLH
4	HCFS-SW (Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), Licensed Social Worker	Columbus	RLH
5	20013591	Infectious Disease Control Consultant	Columbus	MSS
6	20013600	Physician Administrator 2	Columbus	KPK
7	20013658	Epidemiology Investigator 3	Columbus	MSS
8	20014375	Software Development Specialist 3	Columbus	GDH
9	20014393	Software Development Specialist 2	Columbus	GDH
10	20014401	Software Development Specialist 3	Columbus	GDH
11	20014526	Physician Administrator 3 (State Medical Director)	Columbus	KPK
12	20014855	Administrative Professional 4	Columbus	GDH

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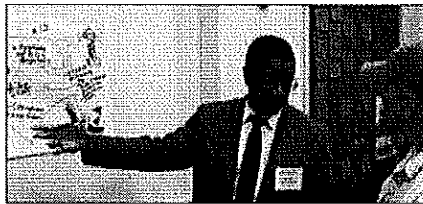
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Research/Tools/Announcements



Eleven State Teams Develop Colorectal Cancer Screening Plans at 80% by 2018 Forum II

CDC hosted the second 80% by 2018 Forum: *Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates Through Enhanced Partnerships between Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions and Federally Qualified Health Centers* on July 18-19 in Atlanta GA.



Nearly 100 participants, presenters, trainers, facilitators, and subject matter experts attended this 1 ½ day training.

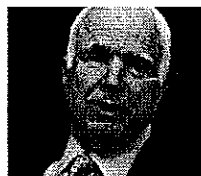
Eleven teams were selected; Idaho, Missouri, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island.

State teams created action plans focusing on evidence-based strategies such as building and sustaining partner/stakeholders (local roundtables, coalition workgroups), enhancing patient navigation

systems, provider feedback and assessment, and a number of communication strategies.

Follow-up technical assistance will be provided to help teams finalize and implement their action plans. The 80% by 2018 Forum III will be held September 6-7 with another group of 11 state teams. The Forums are a collaboration with CDC, National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

For more information on the 80% by 2018 initiative, go to: <http://nccrt.org/tools/80-percent-by-2018/>



Senator John McCain Diagnosed with Brain Cancer

Senator John McCain has been diagnosed with the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma. Last week, he underwent surgery to remove a blood clot above his left eye. A subsequent pathology report of that tissue found that it was cancerous.

"The Senator and his family are reviewing further treatment options with his Mayo Clinic care team," his office said in a written statement.

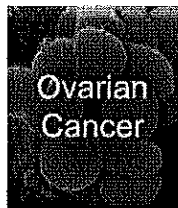
Glioblastoma is the most common form of brain cancer, making up 16 percent of all brain malignancies. It is rare, striking some three people out of 100,000 in the U.S. McCain has had multiple cases of melanoma, a skin cancer, that have been removed surgically according to health records he made public during his 2008 presidential bid. However McCain's glioblastoma is a primary tumor, doctors said in the note issued by his office, meaning that it arose independently of those previous bouts of cancer.

New Fact Sheet on U.S. Cancer Statistics Available

A new [fact sheet \(PDF\)](#) on the United States Cancer Statistics has been posted along with the release of the 1999-2014 data set. Information on the sheet includes an overview of the most recent data and the new [Data Visualizations tool](#), which shows the data in graph and chart formats.

Webinars

- Thursday, July 27 1:00 pm ET
The [Links of Care Update webinar](#) on Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 pm ET will feature an overview of the Links of Care pilot projects, which engage medical communities in helping uninsured and underinsured people get colorectal cancer screening.
- Tuesday, August 3 3:00 pm ET
During "Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level: Successes and Lessons Learned from the ASTHO Breast Cancer Learning Community," teams from three states will present lessons learned in addressing racial disparities in breast cancer. DCPC partnered with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to sponsor the event. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, September 20 12:00 pm ET
Young and Strong Webcast Series will feature "Integrative Therapies and Breast Cancer." Jennifer Ligibel MD Will review therapies including acupuncture, message, Reiki, meditation, as well as exercise and nutrition consultation.
Online registration is now open, register at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr2vms6>
- **Replay of NCCRT Webinar – "How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit**
In case you missed it, access a replay of the June 27 webinar on our updated [How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit](#) here: https://youtu.be/7uoWg1rl_xM
As a reminder, all NCCRT webinars are archived and can be accessed [here](#).



USPSTF Stays Course on Ovarian Cancer Screening

Reprinted from *MedPage Today*, July 18, 2017

Clinicians should not screen for ovarian cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms of the disease, according to a [draft recommendation](#) from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

The Grade D recommendation, available for public comment until Aug. 14, reaffirms a [2012 USPSTF recommendation](#) against ovarian cancer screening for asymptomatic women.

The recommendation does not apply to women who are known carriers of *BRCA1/2* mutations, which increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

No major medical organization recommends screening the general population of women for ovarian cancer, USPSTF officials said in a statement.

"The task force found that screening women without signs or symptoms for ovarian cancer does not decrease the number of deaths from the disease and may lead to unnecessary surgeries," said task force member Maureen Phipps, MD, of Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"The current screening tests do not do a good job identifying whether a woman does or does not have ovarian cancer," added USPSTF chair David Grossman, MD, of Group Health and the University of Washington in Seattle.

"The Task Force hopes that in the future, better screening tests for ovarian cancer will be developed."

The draft recommendation and the evidence review supporting the recommendation have been posted to the [USPSTF website](#).

Individuals or groups [may submit public comments](#) about either document through the website.

Following the public comment period, the USPSTF will review the comments and make revisions, if any are deemed necessary, before releasing a final recommendation, which will be posted to the task force website and published in a major medical journal.

Cancer Prevention and Control

Click on links below to access latest media releases:

Breast Cancer

- 7/19/17 [Some women may benefit from delaying breast reconstruction following mastectomy](#)
- 7/19/17 [Why do BRCA1 mutations cause predominantly breast and ovarian cancer?](#)
- 7/18/17 [FDA approves new treatment to reduce the risk of breast cancer returning](#)

Prostate Cancer

- 7/18/17 [Little Evidence That Vasectomy Raises Prostate Cancer Risk](#)

Survivorship

- 7/19/17 [Social interaction affects cancer patients' response to treatment](#)

General Cancer Research/News

- 7/19/17 [Combining CAR T cells with existing immunotherapies may overcome resistance in glioblastomas](#)
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- 7/19/17 [Doctors' group offers ideas for easing cancer costs](#)
- 7/19/17 [Definitive genomic study reveals alterations driving most medulloblastoma brain tumors](#)
- 7/19/17 [Discovery could lead to better results for patients undergoing radiation](#)
- 7/19/17 [Distress screening tied to fewer ER visits for cancer patients](#)
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- 7/18/17 [Two-Drug Combination Approved for Lung Cancers with BRAF Mutations](#)
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Tobacco Prevention and Control

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- 7/19/17 [Diabetes or its precursor affects 100 million Americans](#)
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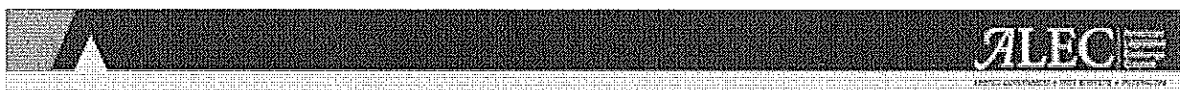
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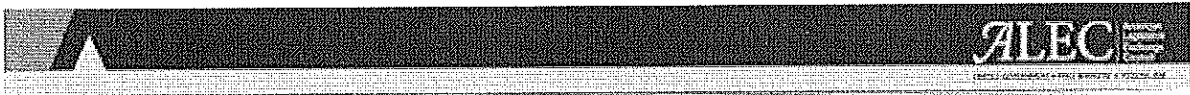
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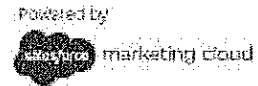
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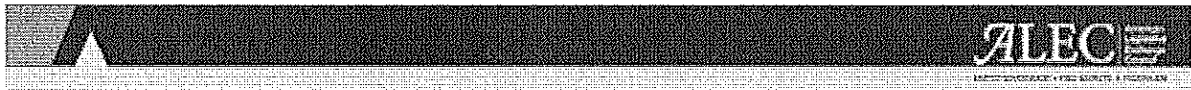
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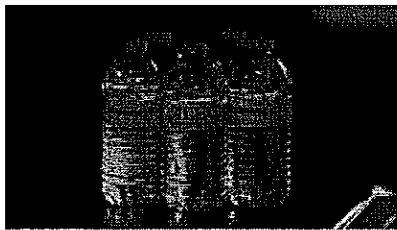
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ALEC Center to Protect Free Speech Supports Protesters in Denver

Shelby Emmett | Center to Protect Free Speech



The ALEC Center to Protect Free Speech was proud to support the First Amendment rights of the protesters at our Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. We even gave them water bottles from ALEC that said "Quenching your thirst for free speech"

[Watch the Full Video](#)

ALEC on Campus For Free Speech

ALEC Director Shelby Emmett Talks Campus Speech at YAL2017

Shelby Emmett | @spartanshelby | YAL2017



ALEC Center Director Shelby Emmett, encourages members of Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) at their annual conference - prompting them to reach across ideological lines to raise awareness and concern for speech issues on their campus.

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ALEC Events Update

"First Fridays" Conference Call - August 11, 2017

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On Friday, August 11th at 11 AM EDT the Center to Protect Free Speech will hold its next "First Fridays" conference call. Please join Center Director Shelby Emmett for a review of the free speech events at ALEC's Annual Meeting!

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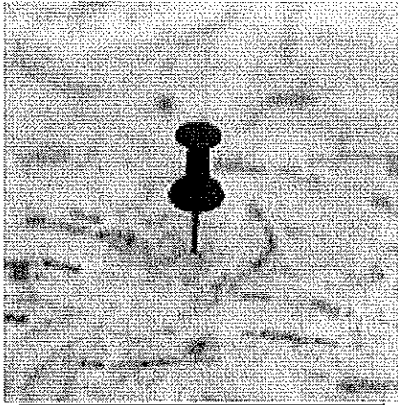


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What We're Doing in the States

Have a Free Speech Issue Briefing in Your State

Contact Shelby Emmett for more information: semmett@alec.org



Schedule Yours Today

We are currently holding a series of free speech issue briefings for state legislators at state capitols across the United States! These briefings cover the issues of campus speech, donor privacy and commercial speech. We have already held briefings in South Carolina, Michigan and Utah and have several additional briefings scheduled for the fall.

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44th ALEC Annual Meeting

DeVos Urges State Legislators to Take on Foes of Campus Speech

The Washington Times | Campus Speech | Ed. Secretary DeVos



The Washington Times covered ALEC's new campus speech model policy, the Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act.

"Shelby Emmett, director of ALEC's Center to Protect Free Speech, said the proposed policy differs from others that require free speech education only for incoming freshmen. 'Obviously, there's a problem with free speech on campus well before freshmen arrive if you have administrators or campus police officers who think you can detain or arrest or suspend a student because they passed out a Constitution,' said Ms. Emmett. 'I think it's easy to go after the students, but this is a cultural problem.'"



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Featured Center Resource

Three (Quick!) Lessons for Legislators About Commercial Speech

Shelby Emmett | Commercial Speech



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"Proceed with caution when limiting or compelling commercial speech, the Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) warns....In this easy-to-read two-page document, Megan L. Brown and Bert W. Rein provide three key lessons summarizing how the courts have interpreted commercial speech laws and regulations and what legislators should keep in mind when tackling commercial speech issues in the future"

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- During the State Leadership Academy held directly before ALEC's Annual Meeting, Shelby Emmett participated in a lively discussion regarding donor privacy on a panel moderated by State Policy Network CEO Tracie Sharp. Attending were legislative leaders from 19 states.
- Shelby Emmett, Center director and former state and Congressional hill staffer, talked to legislative staff from 20 states about campus speech and donor privacy. The Center was very excited to meet so many legislative staff from across the country who are passionate about protecting the free speech rights of their constituents.
- = ADuring an engaging panel discussion on the importance of commercial speech to the free market economy, members of the Civil Justice Task Force learned that protecting commercial speech is about keeping the government from standing in the way of entrepreneurial endeavors. When overregulation gets in the way of businesses marketing truthful information or forces them to disclose information that will do nothing to cure deceptive practices, it is overstepping the First Amendment and problematically limiting consumer choice. The Center was happy to team up with Amy Anderson, director of the Civil Justice Task Force to moderate the commercial speech panel. The Center would like to thank all the panel participants and the members of the task force for such an incredible welcome.
- The Center to Protect Free Speech and the Civil Justice Task Force conducted a reception and focus group on donor privacy to learn more about how they can help state legislators on this issue. Thank you to our public sector members for attending the focus group. Your valuable insight helps us each and every day.

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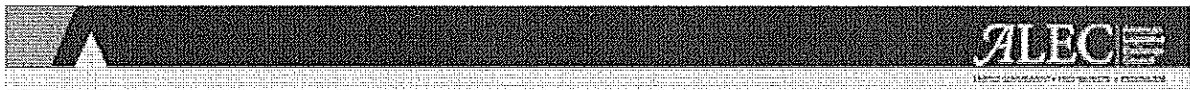
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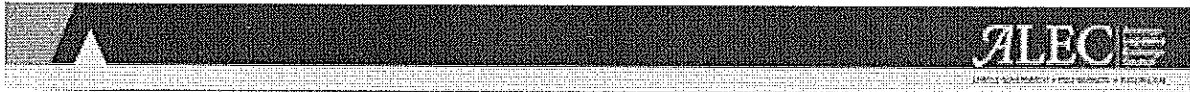
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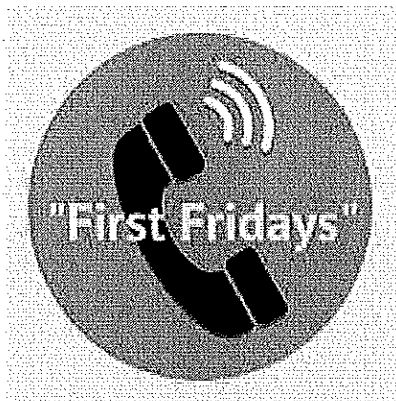


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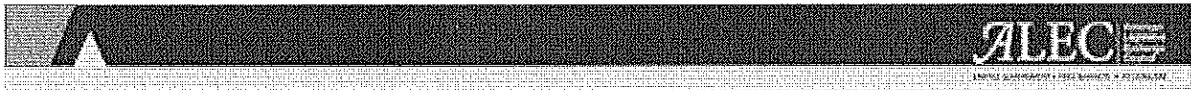
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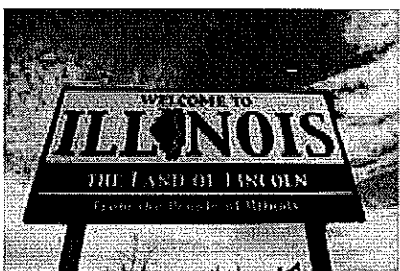


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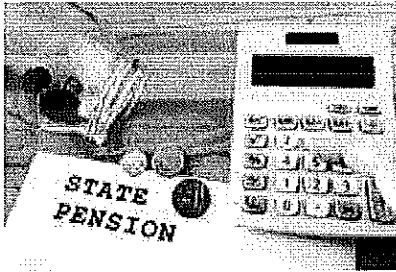


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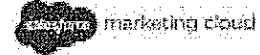


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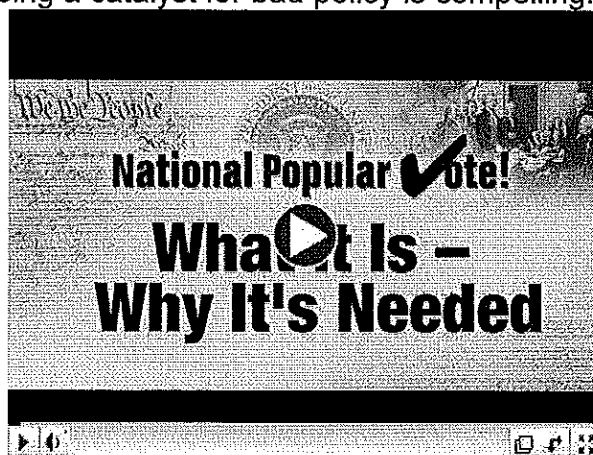
Could The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact Reduce Bad Policy-Making In Our Elections?

Townhall

By [Matt Vespa](#)
August 10, 2017

Okay-I'm going to step back a second on the Electoral College. In general, I think the institution that has served us well for over 200 years. No, I don't think that the five times a president was elected by winning the 270 electoral votes, but not the popular vote, constitutes a harbinger for the destruction of our republic. Liberals whine about Bush's 2000 win. They whine about Trump's 2016 win, albeit with more froth around the mouth. There were a solid couple of weeks worth of hot takes about how the Electoral College is archaic, racist, and anti-Democratic and yet we're still here. Yet, there's an emerging consensus that while the Electoral College might have served us well, we're approaching a point where the Democrats could run the table, and that swing states, in general, are dictating policy as a result of this system. We'll get to that in a second.

In April, *Townhall* was invited to a seminar by the Institute for Research on Presidential Elections to a seminar about the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and other reforms relating to the Electoral College, such as electors chosen by congressional district and proportional representation. I can already hear the groans. I had my reservations, but while I'm still on the sidelines concerning taking a side-the point about swing states being a catalyst for bad policy is compelling.



If you go on their website and search on your own, you can get a brief history about the Electoral College, and see how the system we witness in action every four years was not the one envisioned by the Founding Fathers. The system was a form of compromise. James Madison wanted direct elections; Alexander Hamilton wanted Congress to elect the president. States were allowed to decide how they would participate in the Electoral College because no one could figure out a uniform way on how to elect the president. The point is winner-take-all was never in the cards from the beginning. Most states did not have such a system in our first election. Concerning picking electors, the states had a hodgepodge of presidential elector systems, governor appointments, or congressional elector districts to fill their slates.

After Thomas Jefferson lost the election of 1796, thanks to three electors breaking for John Adams through the district system, Virginia passed a winner-take-all to ensure Jefferson would receive the state's entire slate for 1800. Massachusetts repealed their district system to ensure that all of their electors would vote for John Adams in the election of 1800. This

set off a domino effect, where virtually all of the states were rushing to establish winner-take-all systems by the time of the Civil War.

So, let's forward to the modern era. Some could argue that the writing is on the wall. In the last six presidential elections, Democrats have been able to easily win 242 electoral votes from the West Coast and the liberal northeast. They only need to win Florida to lock up the necessary votes (271) for the presidency-and Florida will probably be a blue state in the next two election cycles.



So, how will this interstate compact work? Well, first enough states have to sign on to equal the required amount of electoral votes to win the presidency. Right now, 11 states equaling 165 electoral votes have signed on, the proposal has gained traction in other state legislatures, and two states-Georgia and Missouri-have passed a committee.

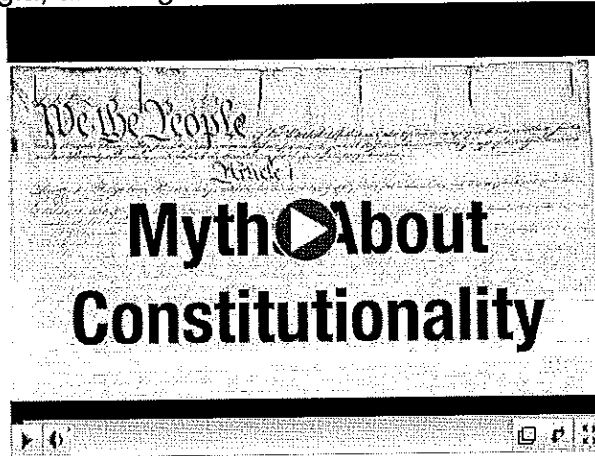


If enough states to equal the required 270 sign on, the compact is triggered and whoever wins the most popular votes is elected president, regardless of party. It also reduces the influence of swing states and expands the map. In 2012, 100 percent of the general election events occurred in just 12 states. Playing Devil's advocate, I'm sure the people of Kansas, Missouri, and Montana probably have the exact same concerns about jobs and health care, as people from Ohio.

Still convinced this is a bad idea? Well, if this were to occur, conservatives in New York and California, who have been hiding in the bunker for decades, would be incentivized to turn out and vote. In the Empire State for example, the Conservative Party of NY found that there was a pool of 1.6 million voters who would support their causes. It's not a far jump to see them supporting a Republican for president, yet, given that they know it's a deep blue state, whose winner-take-all electors will go to the Democrats-only around 500,000 turn out and vote. It's possible to make states more competitive and it's possible that Republicans can still win national elections through this compact. If you believe that we're a center-right nation, and I think we are, running on our ideas and winning shouldn't be a problem. Gone are the days of tailoring campaign messaging for some states, but not others to avoid alienating voter groups.

This is probably the most compelling part of the NPV compact: it could curb the proliferation of bad national policies that are drummed up to win elections. George W. Bush pushed No Child Left Behind, which federalized education policy, to win over mothers in Hamilton County, Ohio, one of the key counties in the state. Medicare Part D, which added trillions to the unfunded liability of the entitlement program, was meant to keep seniors from drifting too far from the GOP (i.e. keep Florida in play). Those are just two policies that have been detrimental to the country. One added to the debt and deficit, while the other stripped power away from local school boards who know their districts best. Under the NPV, the Republican Party can run a hardcore conservative campaign. For liberals, they can run on their single-payer, political correctness, and identity politics nonsense if they wish as well. What about the 11 most populous states running the table? Well, NPV's memorandum on the myths about NPV notes, "no big state delivered more than 63 percent of the popular vote to any candidate in 2000, 2004, 2008, or 2012."

Moreover, the five biggest states-Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and North Carolina-were closer to 50-50. Also, they're not predisposed to either party; Bush won six-Texas, Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia-in 2006.



The memo also notes:

1. The rural vote is already diminished since these states are not considered in the battleground category under the current system
2. It won't allow cities to dominate the electoral landscape because the ten largest cities only house eight percent of the U.S. population. The 100 biggest cities (one-sixth of the total U.S. population) voted 63 percent Democratic in 2004, but 60 percent of rural Americans voted Republican. The remaining two-thirds live in the suburbs, which are evenly divided.
3. On voter fraud, it's hard to have a concerted national effort to defraud an election, whereas it's easier to alter a smaller pool of votes in a winner-take-all state and possibly flip it. Florida's 25 electoral votes decided the 2000 election out of over 105 million ballots cast. That wouldn't be an issue under the NPV.
4. On its constitutionality, Article II states, "Each state shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of Electors." Winner-take-all systems are state-based laws. The NPV is a state-based initiative. All it is doing is replacing winner-take-all states, or

enough of them to trigger the compact, by awarding electors to the candidate who has won the most popular votes in all 50 states.



The rest of the information is featured on their site. There are some appealing things to this: the freedom to run a campaign that is truly at the heart of the party platform, the notion of winning California again, and the reduction in bad policies crafted to win over key counties in a handful of battleground states. The deluge of new Republican-leaning voters leaving the bunkers in deep Blue America, knowing their vote will count just as much as a battleground state voter could have a significant impact. It's not a constitutional amendment. All of these are very interesting things, but overhauling a centuries-old institution requires more debate. There should be a long, vibrant debate and it should be held nationally.



Both sides will be hesitant to budge. Democrats see a possible lock on the Electoral College, while GOP voters will fear big states and metropolitan areas dominating the political scene. Yet, stepping away from national politics, you can't win a majority in Congress by just winning the cities. If there's one area where have moved on, it's the significance of cities in our national politics. Yes, bastions of power, but not all-powerful. These areas are still insufferable with their politics, however. Also, while it's a progressive analysis, the Ruy Teixeira of the Center for American Progress and Bill Frey of Brookings noted a scenario that could put Democrats in an Electoral College pickle for quite some time. The Left likes to think they're on the verge of a permanent majority, though these two demographers noted a scenario where the GOP's hold on the white working class could give Republicans the electoral advantage, despite favorable demographic shifts that yielded more minority voters. That's because a geographic wall-the cities, hems in Democrats. That's fine if you have more voters in your ranks, if they live in areas that have been Democratic for eons and not competitive in national elections, it doesn't make a difference. There are definitely some in the GOP elite that know this. Democrats should also know that a lack of presence in the rural areas does spell political death if they don't reclaim some territory in the near future. The strategies of accomplishing that, like not stripping support from pro-life Democrats, might cause heartburn among the progressive wing of the party. Not supporting single-payer could also devolve into Democratic blood sports. Concerning these high concentrations of minority voters, given that the suburbs are where most voters live and are evenly split, that still wouldn't be an issue under the NPV.

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Besides curbing bad policy, the Florida issue cannot be ignored. Florida will be blue in our lifetime. That's 29 electoral votes added to the Democrats' guaranteed 242, which is the ballgame. I'm not a person who thinks the constitution is fungible, but this is a state-based initiative that could work. I do want to learn more before taking a side. I'm sure all of you have opinions on this matter and I hope you debate them in the comments section below. For now, just call me a Devil's advocate on the matter. Not for or against, but wanting a debate on it. Donald Trump and the GOP might have a solid lead with white working class voters that will bolster their standing in elections, but that will go away. Trump can't be president forever, and Democrats are learning the hard way that you can't build your entire movement and party apparatus around one

term-limited individual. I say let's have a debate on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. That alone cannot hurt the country.



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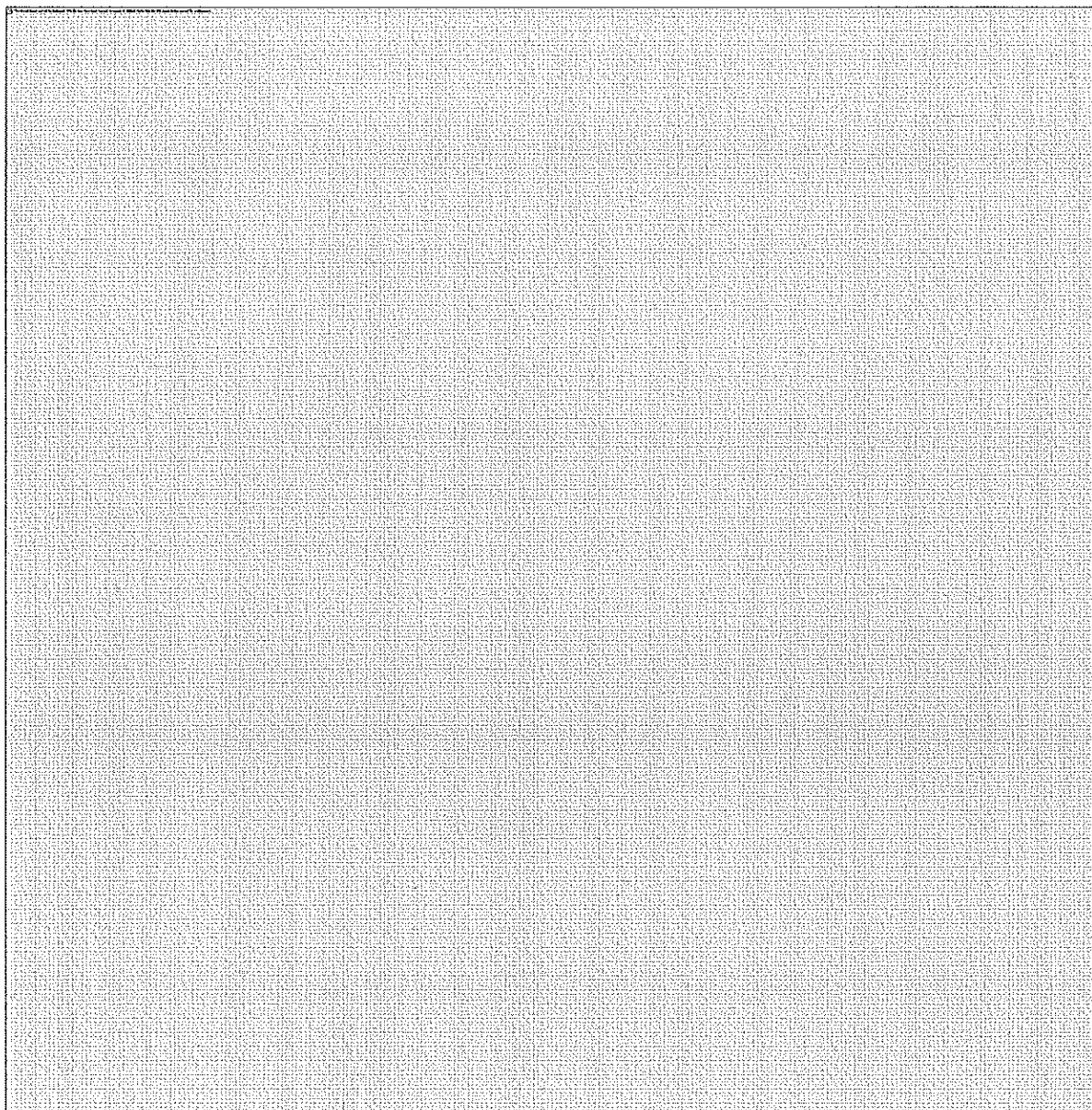
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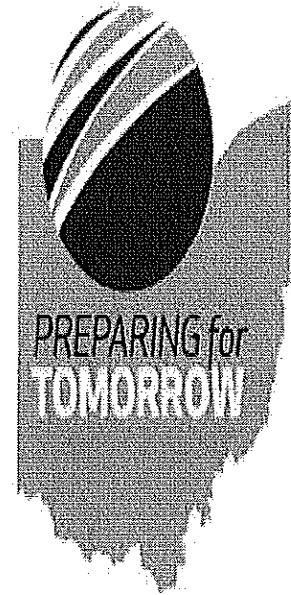
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Dear General Assembly Member,

The 2017 Policy Conference at Salt Fork is only four weeks away! Policy sessions are scheduled for Thursday and Friday morning of the three-day conference which will include several speakers on topics related to the issues being discussed on Capitol Square. While best-selling author J.D. Vance will be our Wednesday night speaker, we are excited to officially announce the lineup for this year's policy session speakers:



Thursday, September 7

8:45 - 9:30 AM

Tomorrow's Industry Disruptors

Stephanie Hughes, Co-founder of Super-h

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Public Policy Implications of Industry Disruption

Andrew Thomas, Associate Professor of Marketing & International Business at the University of Akron

10:45 AM - Noon

Forces Shaping Site Selection

Michelle Comerford, Project Director and Industrial & Supply Chain Practice Leader at Biggins Lacy Shapiro & Company

Nate Green, Director of Economic development for the Montrose Group

Friday, September 8

9:00 - 9:30 AM

Ohio's Prosperity Pulse

Brian Hicks, President, Ohio Chamber Research Foundation

Katie Kogelman, Executive Director, Ohio Chamber Research Foundation

Fritz Wenzel, Pollster, Ohio Chamber Research Foundation

9:30 - 10:15 AM

The Trump Coalition in 2018

Roger Beckett, Executive Director of the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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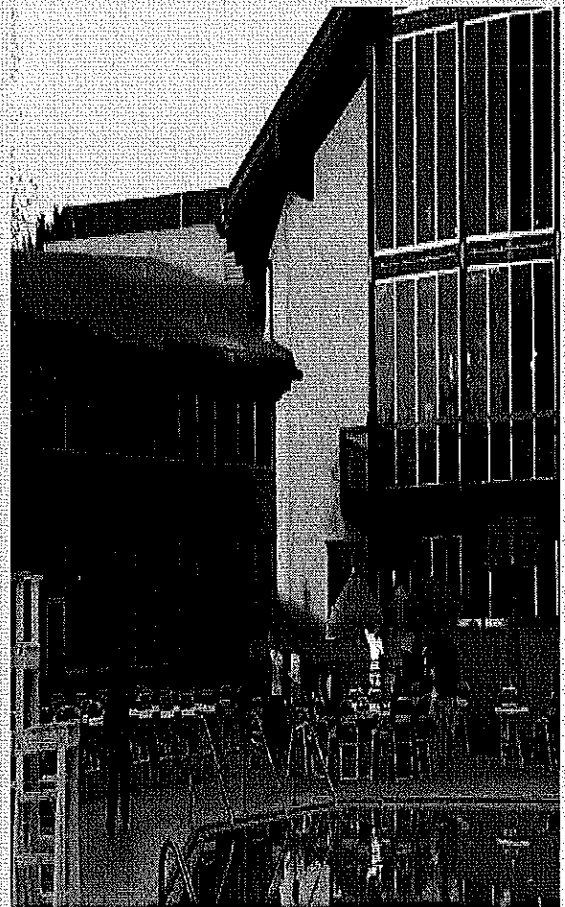
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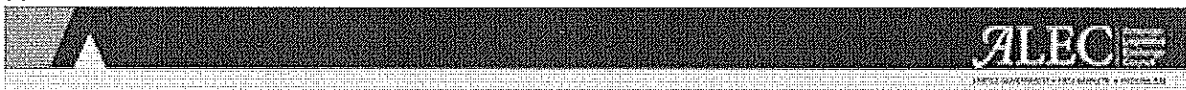
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ALEC Headline News

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Americans Need Tax Cuts, Plain and Simple

Jonathan Williams | *The Hill*



ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams writes how America has "fallen behind by simply standing still," in his latest piece in *The Hill*. He goes on to write that the key to making America competitive again is simple: simplify the tax code... [\(more\)](#)

Will Congress Censor Reddit in the Name of Combatting Sex Trafficking?

Jonathon Hauenschild | *The Hill*



ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jonathon Hauenschild offers two different approaches companies like Reddit, Facebook, Twitter and Amazon might take to combat online sex trafficking... [\(more\)](#)

Trouble Draining the Swamp? Try Returning Power Back to the States

Taylor McCarty | *The Hill*



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will focus campus speech and the Forming Open and Robust Minds (FORUM) Act with special guest Casey Mattox of Alliance Defending Freedom... **(RSVP HERE)**

- **Center for State Fiscal Reform - Keep an eye on your inbox** . With federal tax reform on the rise, the Center will be hosting a series of weekly interactive calls on federal tax cut and reform legislation. These will serve to provide timely updates on progress as well as to solicit feedback from our legislators and private sector members.

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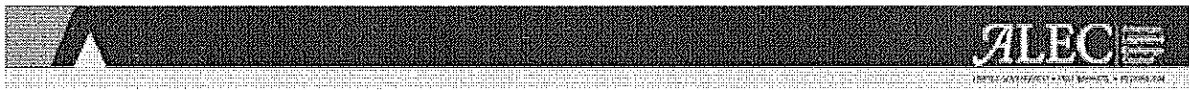
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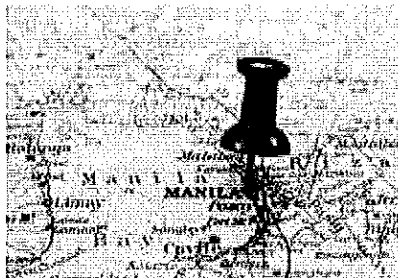
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Federalism and the Philippines

Karla Jones | ALEC Blog



Karla Jones, ALEC Federalism and International Relations Task Force Director, was invited to present overseas on "Understanding the Structures of Federalism" at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. Karla led a robust conversation on federalism in the Philippines... [\(more\)](#)

ALEC Headline News

ALEC and ACCE Sit Down With USA Today

Jonathan Williams | Jon Russell | *USA Today*



Jonathan Williams, ALEC Chief Economist, and Jon Russell, ACCE Executive Director sat down with *USA Today* to discuss "left-wing special interest groups" advancing its issues through local governments... [\(more\)](#)

Parents Frustrated That State Income Taxes Don't Cover School Supplies

Chris Woodward | Inez Feltcher Stepman | *Lifezette*

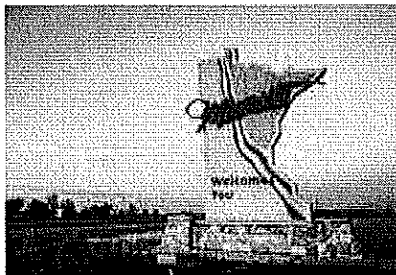


Inez Fletscher Stepman, Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director, told Chris Woodward of LifeZette, "The frustration [of families who must fortify the supplies of the schools] is justified, but let's look at where the taxpayer investment is actually going instead of assuming it's just too low."... [\(more\)](#)

What's Happening in the States

Court Strikes Down Minnesota Governor's Move to Defund Legislature

Bob Williams | *Huffington Post*



A line-item veto by Minnesota's Governor Mark Dayton to strip the legislature of funding to help balance the budget was ruled unconstitutional by the Minnesota Supreme Court. ALEC ranked Minnesota 45th in economic outlook in the 10th edition of *Rich States, Poor States...* [\(more\)](#)

Featured ALEC Member

ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Senator Nathan Dahm | OK-33



Sen. Nathan Dahm represents the 33rd district as a 2nd term Whip in the Oklahoma Legislature. He is the Chair of the General Government committee, the Ranking Member of the Judiciary committee, and a member of the Rules, Business and Commerce, and Appropriations committees.... **(more)**

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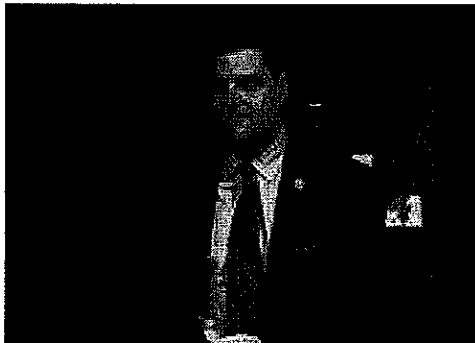
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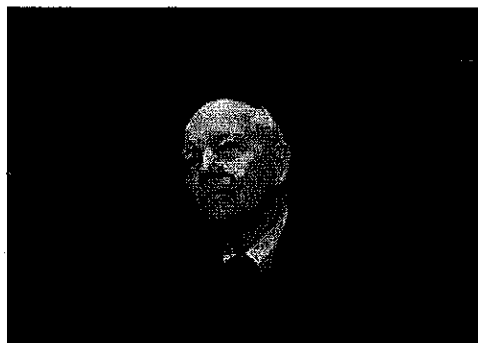
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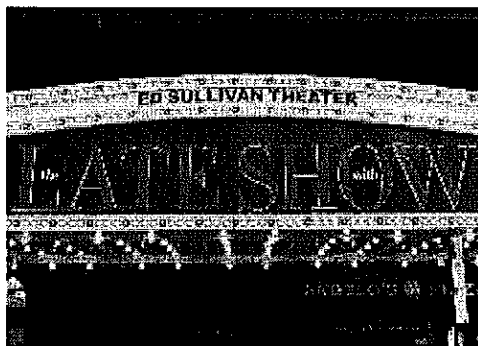
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IRS Rehires 213 Employees Ousted for Falsifying Documents, Avoiding Taxes, Other Offenses

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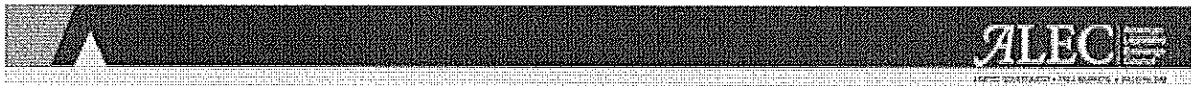
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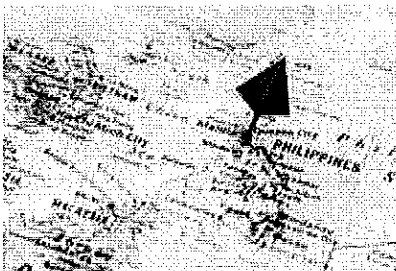


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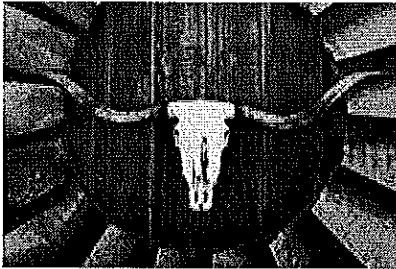


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Joseph "Cy" Tongate | ALEC Blog



San Antonio is older than the United States. It is the site of the Alamo and the River Walk. Despite all of its beautiful attractions, it is also known to some as "NAFTA City"... [\(more\)](#)

The EPA's Assault on Sheboygan County

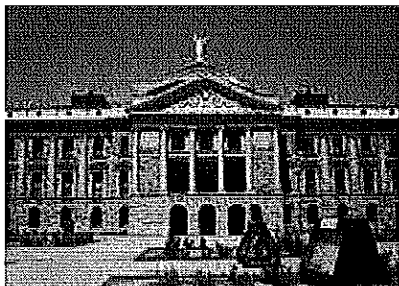
Jake Curtis | Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty



The EPA has proposed redesignating Sheboygan County's air quality ozone status raising it from "nonattainment marginal" to "nonattainment moderate." The rule received resistance from lawmakers, the business community and the WI Department of Natural Resources... [\(more\)](#)

States Hold Rules Convention for Adopting Balanced Budget Amendment

William H. Fruth | BBA Task Force



On September 12th in Phoenix, state delegations will hold a "formal" rules convention as a precursor to a future full convention to amend Article V of the U.S. Constitution requiring the federal government to produce a balanced budget... [\(more\)](#)

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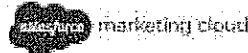


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Right-to-Work Is Right for America

This week is National Employee Freedom Week (NEFW), an annual effort started by the Nevada Policy Research Institute and the Association of American Educators to highlight the benefits of giving employees the freedom to opt out of union membership. The Heartland Institute is one of many participating organizations in NEFW.

Currently, there are 28 states with right-to-work (RTW) legislation, which gives workers the right to refrain from joining a union, including not having to pay union dues or fees, without being penalized.

A newly released NEFW study compares the attitudes, performances, and management of union employees in RTW states compared to those in non-RTW states. When asked about contract negotiations, working conditions, job security, fringe benefits, and number of hours worked, union members in both RTW states and non-RTW states rated these factors highly, with no significant differences between their ratings.

Opponents of RTW say union members in non-RTW states are significantly disadvantaged, but the study found members in both RTW and non-RTW states "expressed broad support [above 70 percent] for the opportunity to regularly vote on whether to keep representation from their current union (a process often called 'recertification.')

RTW policies also have been proven to have a positive economic impact on state economies. A survey of CNBC's Global CFO Council members shows two-thirds believe RTW laws are "important" or "very important" when it comes to business location or expansion. States with these policies have attracted more businesses, experienced greater job growth, and *increased union membership* compared to states without RTW laws, such as Illinois.

As Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans describes in a recent *Research & Commentary* on the subject, "States enacting RTW policies have experienced positive economic progress across the board. Regionally, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin have passed RTW and experienced far greater job growth than Illinois has over the same period."

Ball State University professor Michael Hicks concluded in his 2016 study on the effect right-to-work laws have on worker productivity: "We estimate a Cobb-Douglas production function for manufacturing industries at the state level and find that total factor productivity in non-RTW states was about 57 percent of the level in RTW states. ... Furthermore, our firm-level analysis from the 2007 Survey of Business Owners found that RTW states achieved higher productivity (sales per employee) than firms in non-RTW states."

Additionally, a 2014 Gallup poll found a majority of Americans, Democrats and Republicans alike, approve of RTW laws. Seventy-one percent of respondents said they would vote for such laws and 82 percent said they believe "no American should be required to join any private organization, like a labor union, against his will."

Union membership rates are at all-time lows, and RTW law adoptions are at all-time highs. State legislators should consider carefully this trend toward embracing employee freedom and implement right-to-work legislation in their own state.

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WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Education

Research & Commentary: Existing Accountability Laws for Milwaukee Parental Choice Voucher Program Working as Designed

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson writes about a new report from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty that found the accountability provisions for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, an important school choice policy, are working as intended, helping to remove low-performing and unsafe schools from the program and allowing high-quality schools to grow. [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

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Fossil-Fuel Divestment Could Cost Public Pensions Big Bucks, Study Finds

In this article for *Environment & Climate News*, Managing Editor H. Sterling Burnett writes about a new study compiled by Compass Lexicon that shows fossil-fuel divestment is costly to investors. According to the report, university endowments and public employee pension funds that bow to environmentalists' demands that they divest their holdings from companies involved with the fossil-fuel industry could suffer significant losses, or at a minimum, have their endowments, portfolios, and retirement funds grow by substantially less than they otherwise would. The report notes environmental groups have already pressured more than 1,000 universities and state and city retirement funds to divest their holdings of stocks and bonds in companies that finance, produce, transport, or burn fossil fuels to produce electricity, which they blame for numerous alleged environmental problems and climate change. [Read more](#)

Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: Reducing COLAs to Bring Pension Costs Down

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines state pension reform and the effects of changing cost of living adjustments. "Taxpayers cannot afford for states to continue overpromising and underfunding their pension plans. States should consider reducing COLAs or ending automatic COLAs outright," wrote Glans. [Read more](#)

Health Care

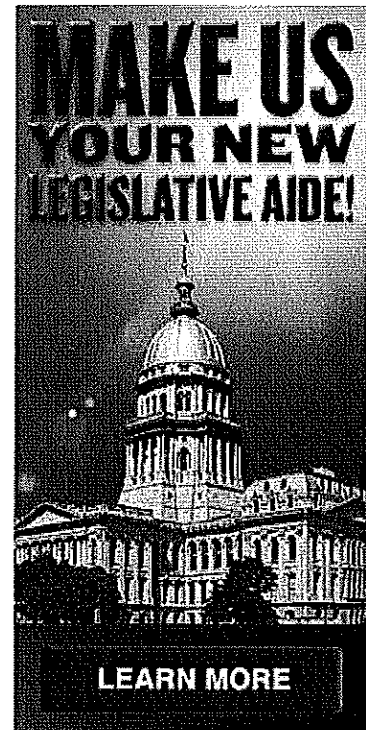
Heartland Daily Podcast: Only Liberty Can Loose the Gordian Knot of Health Care Reform

In this edition of the *Heartland Daily Podcast*, host Michael Hamilton argues in his final broadcast of the *Health Care News Podcast* Congress should learn from Alexander the Great: Health care reform is the Gordian Knot that Republicans and Democrats alike will never untie as long as they continue granting the faulty premises of the Affordable Care Act. [Listen here](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

'Legalized theft' Continues in Clark County

Earlier this month, the Nevada Policy Research Institute released a study examining the controversial civil-asset forfeiture program used by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Policy Analyst Daniel Honchariw analyzed seizures and forfeiture data from the 2016 report, which Nevada law enforcement agencies must file annually with the state's attorney general. "[M]ost forfeitures were for amounts less than \$1,000 — making it cost-prohibitive for innocent parties to



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The August 2017 issue of *Environment & Climate News* reports that the New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu will not join the U.S. Climate Alliance, which currently consists of 12 states and Puerto Rico. The alliance was formed after the United States withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement in June, and members pledge to uphold the climate

contest the seizure” and “occurred mostly in low-income, minority neighborhoods,” Honchariw wrote. [Read more](#)

agreement by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions.

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Did you see our last email? In a few days Congress will return from a month-long recess. We're reaching out because real bipartisan action is now more necessary than ever!

Upon their return Congress will face a range of immediately pressing issues, from tax reform and the debt ceiling to foreign sanctions and immigration. **We'll be fighting to make sure our leaders put country over party and do their job. Will you join us?**

SIGN ON NOW

This is not the time to play partisan games. It's time to get back to work for ALL Americans. **Sign on if you agree.**

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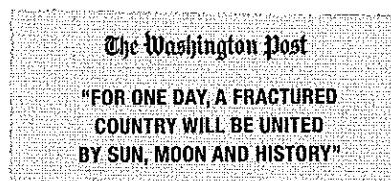
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On Monday, from coast to coast, Americans got to experience a rare and beautiful natural phenomenon: a total solar eclipse. While we certainly enjoyed the spectacle, and we hope you did too, we saw too many headlines like the one above.

Our nation is struggling with an often-vicious political climate, but it won't be fixed by a once-in-a-generation eclipse! It can only be fixed by hard work.

In two weeks Congress will be back in session, and we'll be fighting to make sure they put aside partisan games and do their job. *Will you join us?*

SIGN ON NOW

When they return, Congress will need to address pressing issues like tax reform, the debt ceiling, healthcare, foreign sanctions, and immigration.

The American people don't have time for partisan gridlock. That's why we're demanding our leaders get right to work on real bipartisan solutions. Sign on if you agree.

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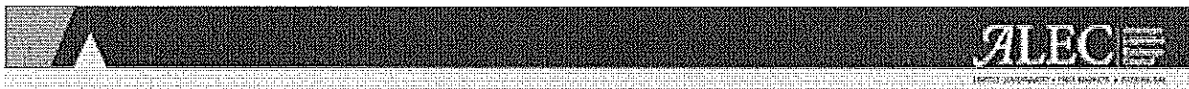
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Dear William,

[This is a special reminder] to join me, the Center to Protect Free Speech Director Shelby Emmett and Alliance Defending Freedom's Casey Mattox on **Friday, September 8th at 11:00 AM EDT** for a "First Fridays" conference call focused on the new ALEC model policy, the Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act.

Call Details:

Sept. 8 @ 11 AM EDT
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FORUM Act info

This new model provides a clear path forward for state legislators. The challenge we face is determining the right action that encourages rather than chills free speech on campus.

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Sincerely,

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Good morning,

230 years ago, as Benjamin Franklin was emerging from the Constitutional Convention, a woman called out to him asking, "What form of government have you given us, Dr. Franklin?" And he responded,

"A republic, Madame, if you can keep it."

Franklin knew that to sustain the American experiment in self-government, Americans needed to understand and appreciate the founding principles and pass them on to future generations.

Yet today so many high school and college graduates don't know the real story of America. Some even despise America.

How did this happen? Over the years, schools of education have focused on *how* to teach rather than *what* to teach. Teachers lack the knowledge and appreciation of American history they need to teach what it means to be an American.

But you and I can make a difference.

Here at the Ashbrook Center we are educating teachers and encouraging them to replace textbooks in their classrooms with primary documents — documents like the Constitution and the Federalist Papers.

We are transforming the way American history and civics are taught in classrooms across the country.

And with your generous support, Ashbrook will reach an entire generation of young people and give them the kind of education the Founders thought essential to protect American freedom.

Can I count on your help to live up to Dr. Franklin's challenge? Can I count on you to help preserve American freedom for our children and grandchildren?

I hope you will join me.

Best regards,

Roger L. Beckett
Executive Director

P.S. Test your knowledge of the Constitution with our **Constitution Day Quiz**.

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States take action to combat child abuse

Stateline

Spurred by high-profile cases of endangered children and chronically overworked caseworkers, many states have taken steps this year to shield children from abuse and neglect, including adding caseworkers, tightening reporting requirements and expanding the definition of "abuse."

NCSL resources on state strategies to prevent child injuries and abuse.

Massachusetts attorney general sues Equifax over data hack

CNBC

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey filed a lawsuit on Tuesday against credit reporting firm Equifax following a breach that exposed the personal data of as many as 143 million people, including 3 million in the state.

States face fiscal challenges as Congress weighs tax reform

The Hill

State governments are likely to face a new round of budget cuts and belt-tightening as revenue growth slows, due in part to uncertainty over whether Congress will reform the federal tax code.

Wisconsin appeals court upholds 'right-to-work' law, dealing blow to unions

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



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Preventing child and adolescent injuries and violence

As more evidence becomes available about the long-lasting effects of early harmful events—including their personal and financial impacts—policymakers are increasingly exploring whether states have a role in preventing and mitigating such experiences.

GOP Gov. Scott Walker and Republican lawmakers in 2015 approved the law, which prohibits labor contracts that require all workers in certain job classifications — including those who don't want to belong to a union — to pay union fees.

NCSL right-to-work resources.

Tennessee reinstates work requirements for food stamp recipients

Nashville Tennessean

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and administration officials today announced plans to reinstate federal work requirements for "able-bodied" adults without dependents for eligibility in the federal food stamp program.

The next big technology to transform government

Governing

It's called blockchain. Some say it will have a bigger impact than the internet.

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State efforts promote hybrid and electric vehicles

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Capitol to Capitol: One last attempt to repeal Obamacare

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National Voter Registration Day is fast-approaching

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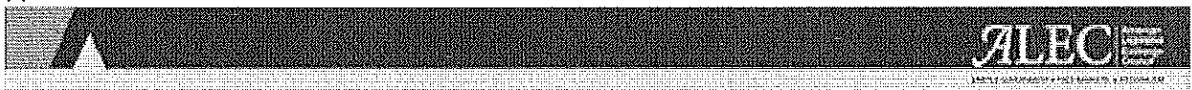
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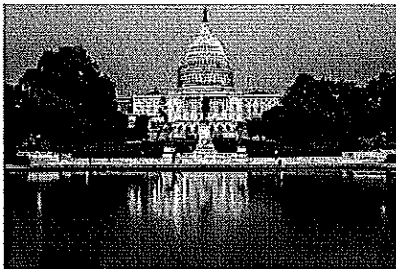
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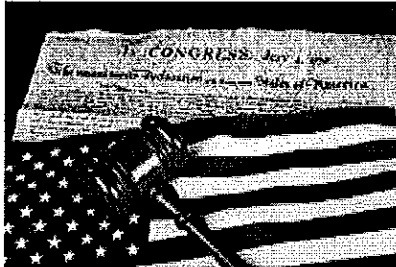
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On September 12, official delegations from 19 states joined by observers from three to four additional states convened to plan for a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution pursuant to Article V. Members of ALEC were prominent participants.



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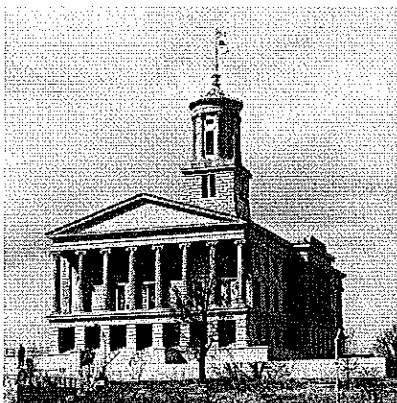


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Article V in the States Update

Article V Testimony Before the Tennessee Senate Judiciary Committee

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Karla Jones, Director of the ALEC Task Force on Federalism and International Relations, appeared before the Tennessee Senate Judiciary Committee. She explained various rules that an amendments convention might want to adopt. Karla also pointed out potential pitfalls that may crop up during the rules drafting process.



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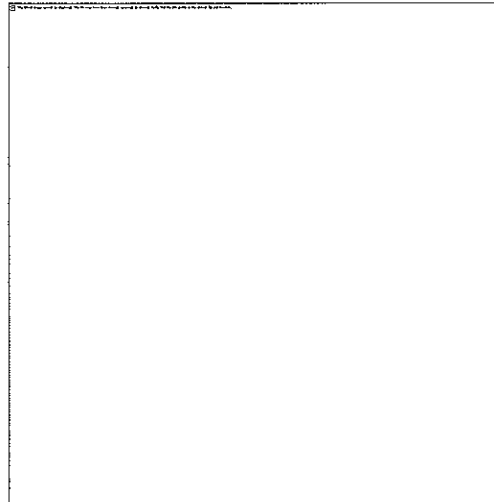
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Brian Kilmeade
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Good morning,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Second Peter W. Schramm Memorial Lecture with bestselling author **Brian Kilmeade** on Friday, November 3.

Kilmeade is co-host of the popular *Fox & Friends* morning program and host of the nationally syndicated radio program, *The Brian Kilmeade Show*.

Kilmeade will make history come alive with his telling of riveting true stories from our American history as he speaks about his new book, *Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans*. He will discuss the development of Jackson's character and bring you to the scene of one of the most pivotal battles in our nation's history.

To purchase tickets please contact Carrie Clever at the Ashbrook Center at 419-289-5411 or cclever@ashbrook.org. Tickets for general seating in the Renaissance Theatre are available for \$20 each. A book signing will follow.

We are grateful to Samuel H. and Maria Miller and WMAN Radio for their generous support of the Peter W. Schramm Memorial Lecture.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available and include a limited tickets for reserved seating as well a private reception and photo-op with Kilmeade before the evening's keynote address.

I hope to see you in Mansfield!

Warmest regards,

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Phoenix Convention Was an Enormous Success –

The September 12 – 15 Phoenix Convention was called by the Arizona State Legislature (HCR2022) for the express purpose of planning for a BBA-focused Article V convention of states and to draft suggested rules for such a convention.

This historic convention was the first convention of states called by a state legislature to which all states were invited since 1861. The 1861 Peace Conference, called by the state of Virginia and chaired by former President John Tyler, was an attempt to head off the civil war. The Phoenix Convention was called as a step toward an Article V convention that will propose a Constitutional amendment aimed at restoring federal fiscal restraint. It took place just days after America's national debt surpassed \$20 trillion.

= A All states were invited to send delegates. Nineteen states sent a total of 72 formal delegates to Phoenix. Another four states had official observers present. Some 25 additional observers were also present.

On the first day of the convention the delegates unanimously elected Arizona State Rep. Kelly Townsend as Convention President. Utah State Rep. Ken Ivory was elected Vice President, and Georgia attorney David Guldenschuh was elected Convention Secretary. The Arizona legislature made some 50 of its staff members available to assist with the convention.

A brief video about the history of conventions of states was shown. It can be viewed

HERE.

Welcoming presentations were offered by Arizona Speaker of the House J. D. Menard and by Senator Steve Montenegro representing the Arizona Senate. Opening remarks were presented by former Oklahoma State Rep. Gary Banz (who was the chief sponsor of that state's successful resolution calling for a BBA-focused Article V convention). His speech was followed by a standing ovation. The speech can be watched HERE (beginning at 22:05... through 46:36).

Arizona State Senator Nancy Barto presented a report from the Arizona legislators who had been appointed to plan the Phoenix Convention. It included recommendations on the rules under which the Phoenix Convention would operate, recommendations of temporary chairs for the three recommended committees (Rules, Planning, Credentials), and recommendations for Clerk, Sergeant of Arms and Parliamentarian for the Phoenix Convention. The report and recommendations were unanimously approved and accepted by the delegates.

Prior to the Phoenix Convention legislators from several states had worked together to draft a basic set of suggested rules for a future BBA-focused Article V convention. Their work became known as Resolution 1 for the Phoenix Convention.

Three Committees Formed:

The convention broke into the three committees with each represented state having at least one delegate serving on the two main committees. The committees each elected a chairman.

Gary Banz chaired the Rules Committee. Tennessee immediately moved to adopt Resolution 1 (the initial draft of the proposed rules for an Article V Convention). The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Rules Committee met all day Wednesday, Thursday and part of Friday as it entertained a large variety of proposed amendments to Resolution 1. There was often vigorous, but respectful, debate as each state's spokesperson provided rationale for their suggested amendments. By Friday afternoon delegates comprising the Rules Committee voted unanimously to approve the modified Resolution 1 (rules package).

At the final session of the convention the amended Resolution 1 was unanimously approved by the convention as a whole. That rules package can be reviewed [HERE](#).

Arizona State Rep. Bob Thorpe served as chair of the Planning Committee. That committee divided its work into two sub-committees (one to suggest how states should select delegates to a future Article V convention, and one to deal with time, place and logistics of holding a convention).

Reports from the two sub-committees were presented to the convention as a whole. Again, amendments were offered from the floor, entertained, and changes were accommodated before they were unanimously approved by the convention as a whole. Those reports can be read [HERE](#).

The Credentials Committee was chaired by Michigan delegate Tom Llewellyn who kept track of delegate attendance at each session. Attendance records can be viewed [HERE](#).

On the opening night of the Phoenix Convention the **BBA Task Force** hosted a dinner for convention delegates. Former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli was the keynote speaker.

The convention was closed with a presentation by Georgia delegate David Guldenschuh. He pointed out that the convention's closing day (9/15) was the 230th birthday of the writing and unanimous adoption of Article V of the new US Constitution, just 2 days before the new Constitution was completed and sent to the states for

ratification. His speech can be viewed [HERE](#).

General Observations:

Not one time did the Phoenix Convention “runaway” or get off the topics assigned in the original call by the Arizona legislature. The entire convention was orderly. It provided an excellent model for a future Article V convention.

The delegates demonstrated orderly decorum and united behind the principles of one vote per state, and the limiting of discussions to one subject at a future BBA-focused Article V convention.

The Phoenix Convention Drew Considerable Media Coverage –

Following is a sample of the press coverage given to the Phoenix Convention (click on underlined copy to read the stories):

Both the [US News and World Report](#) and the [Idaho Statesman](#) carried an Associated Press story about the convention headlined ***GOP lawmakers push balanced budget mandate in Constitution.***

The **Conservative Review** carried a story under the headline [Article V convention planning underway in Arizona.](#)

The **Arizona Republic** carried a story announcing ***22 states participate in ‘historic’ gathering.***

Townhall.com published a review of conventions of states written by Prof. Rob Natelson under the headline [Convention of States: How the States Meet to Bypass Congress.](#)

Idaho television station **KTVB** did a special story on the 10 delegates its legislature sent to

the Phoenix Convention and posted the story on its web site headlined **Idaho lawmakers take part in historic gathering.**

Surprisingly, even **SFGate.com** (San Francisco) carried a story headlined **Idaho sends 10 delegates to balanced budget convention.**

Even the **Washington** (Indiana) **Times-Herald** carried a piece on the convention.

After the convention concluded **ABC News** carried a report headlined **GOP lawmakers finish plan for balanced budget convention.**

The Hill also carried a follow-up story headlined **GOP state lawmakers meet to plan possible constitutional convention.**

AZCentral (a part of the USA Today network) published a post-convention report headlined **Phoenix constitutional convention gives 'rebirth to a new nation,' planners say.**

The **American Legislative Exchange Council** published a report on the convention headlined **History Was Made in Phoenix This Month.**

The **Rome** (Georgia) **News-Tribune** carried a post-convention report by Georgia Senator Chuck Hufstetler headlined **Using a 'forgotten power': Convention of states planning ahead to force congress to balance the budget.**

The **Conservative Daily Post** reported **22 States Make BOLD Pact As State Leaders Gather In Arizona For A Bold Constitutional Change.**

The **Tulsa** (Oklahoma) **World** reported **State lawmakers take part in planning for possible constitutional convention.**

Phoenix Correspondence Commission Created –

One of the big developments at the Phoenix Convention was creation of the Phoenix Correspondence Commission (PCC). Among other decisions, delegates unanimously agreed to establish the PCC to facilitate communication between the states, Congress, and the public on Article V and a proposed balanced budget amendment.

PCC is fashioned after the “committees of correspondence” that were common during the colonial era. Initially the new Commission will consist of one member of each state delegation that attended the Phoenix Convention. Arizona State Rep. Anthony Kern will serve as the PCC temporary chairman.

The new PCC is charged with tracking Article V resolutions adopted by the states calling for a BBA Article V convention, encouraging at least seven more states to adopt such resolutions, and encouraging all state legislatures to adopt legislation appointing and instructing delegates to the anticipated first Article V convention.

The consensus of the Phoenix Convention was that members of the new PCC are now the leaders of the Article V movement. They appeared to welcome the responsibility.

***The Economist* Publishes Major Piece on Article V –**

Reporters from the London-based **The Economist** magazine were in Phoenix during the recent Phoenix Convention. Surprisingly this primarily-financial foreign publication has taken more serious interest in Article V than most major US media.

On September 30 **Economist.com** published an extensive piece on the entire Article V movement in the US. While the second paragraph was a bit jumbled (initially implying that founding Father George Mason did not like the two-option approach to Constitutional amendment... the approach he actually proposed and which was unanimously adopted), the detailed article is a mostly accurate overview of Article V.

Toward the end of the article it unfortunately repeats the misinformation about the 1787 Philadelphia convention... suggesting that the Constitutional framers were working under the authority of the original Articles of Confederation, and (without authority) changed the requirements for ratification. Using that example the story says, *"Delegates could simply declare a new, lower threshold for ratification."*

As most serious Constitutional scholars know, the framers were not working under the Articles of Confederation, but were complying with the direction of the state legislatures which called the Philadelphia convention... producing a new governing document for a totally new national government.

Within the context of this misrepresentation of the origins of America's 1787 Constitution, the Economist quoted Larry Greenley of the John Birch Society, saying of an Article V convention, *"This is a convention that creates constitutions. It's a level above state legislatures, and can't be limited. We really believe that any Article V convention would have the ability to change the ratification process."*

Of course there is no provision in Article V for re-writing or “creating” a new Constitution... only to propose amendments. Period. Read the Economist article [HERE](#).

A Debt Ceiling With No Limit? –

Friday September 8, 2017 America's federal debt formally surpassed \$20 trillion. On that one day alone the debt grew by \$317,645,000,000, following a spending and debt-limit deal agreed to by President Trump and large “Yes” votes by both Houses of Congress... to fund the government through December 8. The above figures are from the Treasury Department's "Debt to the Penny" page.

The “deal” involved disaster recovery aid for the victims of recent hurricanes... but no longer pretends to have a debt ceiling cap.

An article on **Hotair.com** by Ed Morrissey noted that *“President Trump on Thursday signaled openness to a proposal to effectively eliminate the federal limit on government borrowing....”* Morrissey reported that *“Trump and Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) reached what one senior White House official called a ‘gentlemen’s agreement’ to develop a plan that would no longer require Congress to routinely raise the limit on government borrowing.”*

Morrissey offered the opinion that *“The best way to deal with the debt ceiling is with a balanced-budget amendment. If Congress won’t produce one — and they won’t — then the states need to accelerate the Article V convention to impose it on them.”* Read his article [HERE](#).

Just a few days before “the deal” was struck, **FreedomWorks** (a Tea Party-affiliated activist group) made it clear that Congress and the White House that the people it

represents will not support a “clean” debt limit increase — that is, one without any spending cuts or policy riders or some type of regulatory reform attached to any bill that raises the debt ceiling. No spending cuts, riders or reforms were attached to the adopted bill... and it appears to have no spending ceiling. Read the **Politico** report on FreedomWorks’ positions [HERE](#).

“Of all the absurd Washington pantomimes none has been as reliably entertaining and maddening as the annual debates to raise the debt ceiling,” said Peter D. Schiff of Euro Pacific Capital in a piece published by **FX.com** after the debt ceiling “deal” was announced.

Schiff is best known for his predictions of the 2008 financial crisis. FX.com is described as a leading source for reliable (financial) news and real time foreign exchange analysis.

Schiff’s September 8 article says, *“(T)his week the news dropped that President Trump had made a ‘gentleman’s agreement’ with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to permanently scrap the ‘debt ceiling’ so that government borrowing can occur perpetually without the need to air the nation’s fiscal dirty laundry. Given how much the national debt has exploded in recent decades, and how reluctant Congress has been to address the problem, it should be no surprise that the proposal has finally been made.”*

Talking about the often-rising debt ceiling, Schiff says, *“If we eliminate the only tool, the problem will never be fixed. If the debt ceiling were to be cut out like an unneeded appendix, we should expect that America’s foray into debt creation, which has already been fantastical, to journey even farther into the looking glass.”*

He suggests that *“This could be the worst possible choice for the U.S. economy, and investors should be prepared. It could produce a dollar and sovereign debt crisis that will dwarf the financial crisis of 2008 with respect to its impact on the American economy. It could make hurricane Irma look like a sun shower.”* Read Schiff’s article [HERE](#).

Hillary Clinton Apparently Doesn't Understand Article V –

In a recent podcast interview with **Vox.com**, Hillary Clinton talked about the Convention of States Project. She reportedly said, *"They want radical, pull-'em-up-by-the-roots change, they want to have a constitutional convention to rewrite our Constitution to make it friendlier to business, to inject religious and ideological elements. So talk about radical change—they are pursuing it, they are funding it, and they are electing people who are either true believers or willing vehicles for it."*

Mark Meckler, head of the COS Project wrote an op-ed for **The Hill**, tearing apart Clinton's criticisms piece-by-piece. Meckler's op-ed can be read HERE.

Another web blog, **Legallnsurrection.com** also posted a piece on Clinton's failure to understand Article V. On September 27 it published a piece entitled ***Hillary Doesn't Understand What a Convention of States Actually Is***. Read it HERE.

Congressional Dysfunction Spurs Interest in Term Limits –

Even with one party controlling both Houses of Congress, it does not seem capable of accomplishing much. That dysfunction is increasing the interest in using Article V to enshrine Congressional term limits in the Constitution.

During the past month a combined meeting of two Georgia Tea Party groups heard a presentation from James Alvarado, state director for US Term Limits. *"We did a poll last year, and 82 percent of [Georgians] —that's Republicans, Democrats and Independents — all agree on one thing: term limits in Congress,"* he said.

Alvarado encouraged attendees to support Georgia State Resolution 195 to call for an Article V convention for term limits. The resolution was introduced in February but has not been approved by the state legislature.

During September Ken Clark, Regional Director for the Convention of States Project was interviewed on the Daily Ledger program of **AcuNewsDaily** where the host talked about federalism and Article V with a focus on federal term limits. The very good interview can be viewed [HERE](#).

Meanwhile an Idaho resident wrote a letter to the **Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls Press** that was published under the heading ***Term Them Out***. The writer said *"I would like to see an article 5 convention of states to force a constitutional amendment imposing term limits on ALL federal House and Senate members IF it could be limited to that issue ONLY."* Read the letter [HERE](#).

This past month the ebook version of ***Term Limits*** by Vince Flynn was released. It claims to be a **New York Times** best seller book. Learn about it [HERE](#).

Who Said It?

*"We must not let the growing momentum
to propose crucial amendments to the Constitution
be obstructed by territorial differences
or the pretense that Article V is a binary choice.
Rather, let's recognize the synergies between the various efforts
lest they all be ended before they have really begun."*

Arizona House Speaker J. D. Mesnard
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